

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1-15. Canceled.

16. (currently amended) A composition for applying a film to a rim of a beverage container consisting essentially of a liquid sweetener between 9% and 50%, water between 40% and 60%, a surfactant between 0.025% and 21%, and a viscosity/texture modifier selected from the group of gums, carboxymethylcellulose and propylene glycol alginate between 0% and 3% and formulated such that the composition can form a film on a rim of an inedible beverage container and also hold granular or powder substances on the rim of the beverage container.

17. (previously presented) The composition of claim 16 wherein the liquid sweetener is corn syrup between 15% and 50%.

18. (previously presented) The composition of claim 16 wherein the surfactant is alcohol between 11% and 21%.

19. (previously presented) The composition of claim 16 wherein the liquid sweetener is corn syrup between 9% and 15% and sugar between 0% and 50% dissolved in water between 20% and 51%.

20. (previously presented) The composition of claim 16 wherein the composition has a viscosity at least 1.5cp.

21. (previously presented) The composition of claim 20 wherein the composition has a viscosity greater than approximately 100cp.

22. (previously presented) A composition for applying a film to a rim of a beverage container consisting essentially of a liquid sweetener between 9% and 50%, water between 40% and 60%, a surfactant between 0% and 21%, and a viscosity/texture modifier between 0% and 3% wherein the composition has a viscosity between approximately 100cp and 3000 cp.

23. (previously presented) The composition of claim 16 wherein the liquid sweetener is between about 15 and 50 percent.

24. (previously presented) The composition of claim 23 wherein the liquid sweetener is between about 30 and 50 percent.

25. (previously presented) The composition of claim 20 wherein the liquid sweetener is about 50 percent.

26. (previously presented) A composition for applying a film to a rim of a beverage container consisting essentially of a liquid sweetener between 9% and 50%, water between 40% and 60%, a viscosity/texture modifier between 0% and 3% and a surfactant between 0.25 percent and 2 percent.

27. (previously presented) The composition of claim 16 wherein the surfactant is about 0.90 percent.

28. (previously presented) The composition of claim 16 wherein the surfactant is polysorbate.

29. (previously presented) The composition of claim 16 wherein the surfactant is between 11 and 21 percent.

30. (previously presented) The composition of claim 16 wherein the surfactant is about 20 percent.

31. (previously presented) The composition of claim 30 wherein the sweetener is corn syrup.

32. (previously presented) The composition of claim 16 wherein the viscosity/texture modifier is a gum.

33. (previously presented) A composition for applying to a rim of a beverage container comprising an edible lipophilic and hydrophilic composition including at least one of a surfactant and a texture/viscosity modifier, in such relative concentrations and viscosity to coat a surface on an inedible item of drinkware at room temperature.

34. (previously presented) The composition of claim 33 wherein the composition includes an aqueous solution of a sweetener, a surfactant and an alcohol.

35. (previously presented) The composition of claim 34 wherein the surfactant is between 0.25 percent and 21 percent.

36. (previously presented) The composition of claim 34 wherein the composition includes a solution of water and at least one oil selected from the group of sunflower, safflower, canola, soybean and coconut oils.

37. (previously presented) The composition of claim 33 wherein the composition includes a solution of water and at least one oil selected from the group of sunflower, safflower, canola, soybean and coconut oils.

38. (previously presented) The composition of claim 36 further including citric acid.

39. (previously presented) A composition for applying to a rim of a beverage container comprising an edible lipophilic and hydrophilic composition including a surfactant and at least one of sugar and corn syrup in an aqueous solution, in such relative concentrations and viscosity to coat a surface on an inedible item of drinkware at room temperature.

40. (previously presented) The composition of claim 39 wherein the surfactant is present in a concentration between approximately 0.025 percent and 21 percent.

41. (previously presented) The composition of claim 40 wherein the surfactant is between about 11 and 21 percent.

42. (previously presented) The composition of claim 39 further including an alcohol.

43. (previously presented) The composition of claim 39 further including at least one oil selected from the group of safflower, sunflower, canola, soybean and coconut oils.

44. (previously presented) The composition of claim 39 wherein the composition and aqueous solution are formulated to have a viscosity of about 1.5 cp at room temperature.

45. (previously presented) The composition of claim 39 having a water concentration of approximately 69 percent.

46. (previously presented) The composition of claim 33 wherein the surfactant is present in a concentration between approximately 0.025 percent and 21 percent.

47. (previously presented) The composition of claim 33 wherein the water concentration is less than or equal to 50 percent.

48. (previously presented) The composition of claim 33 wherein the water concentration is approximately 69 percent.

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